

Applicant: Schneider *al.*  
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Preliminary Amendment

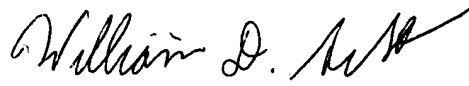
**REMARKS**

Prior to examination on the merits and calculation of fees, please enter this Preliminary Amendment. By this Preliminary Amendment, Applicants have removed the multiple dependent claims and placed section headings in the application. No new matter has been added.

Applicants submit that no fee is necessary with this submission. However, if any fee is due, authorization is hereby given to charge Deposit Account No. 11-0171 for such sum.

If there are any questions or comments relating to this submission, the Examiner is respectfully invited to contact Applicants' attorney at the telephone number set forth below.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "William D. Schmidt", with a stylized flourish at the end.

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